

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 667
By Person

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Brandon Bradshaw
Cate's bachelorhood.

WHEREAS, it is with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of
this legislative body heard of the loss of Brandon Cate's bachelorhood; and

WHEREAS, after 22 ½ years of bachelor life, his days of freedom will come to an abrupt
conclusion when he will be joined in holy matrimony with Laura Leigh Partin on May 23, 1998;
and

WHEREAS, although he hails from the Razorback country of Fayetteville, Arkansas,
Brandon has wisely adopted the Volunteer State as his new home state; and

WHEREAS, the son of Benton and Annette Cate, Brandon will graduate cum laude this
year from Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, Brandon served with extraordinary dedication as the intern for the
Senate Judiciary Committee and its astute chairman, Senator Curtis Person; and

WHEREAS, his exemplary work as an intern enabled him to return to the General
Assembly this year to work as a staff member for the Senate Judiciary Committee and
Chairman Person; and

WHEREAS, while Brandon and Laura were astutely serving as interns, their already
close relationship grew even closer and Brandon asked for Laura's hand in marriage, and she
enthusiastically accepted his proposal; and

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WHEREAS, while we are delighted for Laura and Brandon, we will not forget some of the highlights of Brandon's 22 ½ years of bachelorhood; and

WHEREAS, his wild excursions with college roommates Clay Jordan and Graeme Dennis, touring the Nashville Arena, indulging on catfish at Cock of the Walk, enjoying beverages at Blanca's and the many nights spent listening to the music of BR5-49 at Robert's Western Wear; and

WHEREAS, the many weekends spent at Bryan Hall's home at 2369 Bristol Place, famous for "O.J. Night", the tennis ball explosion, Ben Wilson's antics and Bryan's vacuuming; and

WHEREAS, remembering with fondness the times spent in Athens, Georgia with Graeme Dennis and the "fun girls"; and

WHEREAS, the "WIDE LOAD" Arkansas-Alabama Football game with Justin Hunt, the night behind the ice machine in Kansas City and the amazing 17-state road trip; and

WHEREAS, home movies, such as "The Terror from Tokyo", "Office Watters" and "Whipaip"; and

WHEREAS, the many antics and enterprising evenings with brothers Chadwick and Tyler; and

WHEREAS, the fond memories of Fort Myers, Florida, the driving expertise of Jason Little, the hospitality of Aunt Mary and the brief drive from Fort Myers to Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, the "Citizens to Elect Kyle Russell" School Board Campaign, which was unsuccessful only because of Arkansas ballot counting techniques; and

WHEREAS, the monumental rehearsal for high school graduation and aiding Brandon's intense search for new spices; and

WHEREAS, the long nights of playing cards and consuming large amounts of Snapple with the boys; and

WHEREAS, unforgettable memories of working with the boys at the Arkansas Book Services Shipping Department, where Brandon once served with alacrity as Employee of the Month; and

WHEREAS, Brandon is leaving behind this world of fun and excitement to take on more domestic responsibilities and will devote his time and immeasurable talents to cookouts and playing golf; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we never forget the unforgettable times of Brandon Cate's 22 ½ years of bachelorhood, and wish Brandon and Laura a wonderful and lasting marriage full of bliss.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.